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Dear Prof.

Yours of the 31 ult just rec'd. within is the blank check No 42. We are still very busy at the Lab. doing nothing but cleaning. Mr Coffin stopped me in the street this morning to ask what our charge would be for analyses of Graphite for Nickel & Cobalt (together) & Copper. He says that Genth has been doing them for $15. I referred him to you.

A Morocco dresser from Wilmington Del called yesterday with a package of dog-dirt which he wishes analyzed — his object is to determine the valuable ingredient & to use that instead of the original drug which is counterfeited to a very great extent. its use is to soften leathers, after it has been soaked in lime to remove the hair — he also wished to know the cost — I deferred answering until the beginning of the week — is it worth while to do anything in the matter? Dr Battey from Georgia is here on his way to Europe & will probably be the bearer of this letter together with one that explains itself.

Yours truly

J. D. Whitney.

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